

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KOICHIRO NAKAZAWA, ET AL. ) : Examiner: L. Martin  
Appln. No.: 10/765,037 ) : Group Art Unit: 2853  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability dated March 15, 2007, the Examiner provided reasons for allowance of the claims. It should be noted, however, that the reasons noted by the Examiner are not explicitly recited in each of the independent claims. For example, no claim recites that the filmy aggregate is formed “of the reaction liquid”. Moreover, at least independent Claims 3,4 and 7-10 do not recite that the gathering of the pigment agglomerates is formed along the surface of the reaction liquid. Furthermore, Claims 7 and 8 do not recite pigment

agglomerates migrating on the surface of the reaction liquid. Nevertheless, each of the independent claims is believed allowable for the combination of features recited therein.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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